

# Federal Advisory Committee (FAC) Membership Balance Plan

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<b>(1) FEDERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE NAME:</b> <i>State the legal name of the FAC:</i>
TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR SAFETY (TRACS)
<b>(2) AUTHORITY:</b>
5 U.S.C., APP 2, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ORDER 1120.3B
<b>(3) MISSION/FUNCTION:</b>
THE COMMITTEE PROVIDES INFORMATION, ADVICE, AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATOR ON ALL MATTERS RELATING TO THE SAFETY OF U.S. PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS AND ACTIVITIES.
<b>(4) POINTS OF VIEW:</b>
THE COMMITTEE IS AUTHORIZED UP TO 25 VOTING MEMBERS WHO REFLECT VARIOUS PERSPECTIVES OF TRANSIT SAFETY. THE PRIMARY AREAS OF THE TRANSIT INDUSTRY REPRESENTED BY TRACS INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING: 1) REGIONAL REPRESENTATION OF TRANSIT SYSTEMS ACROSS THE NATION; 2) LARGER/SMALLER TRANSIT SYSTEMS (BASED ON RIDERSHIP); 3) STATE SAFETY OVERSIGHT AGENCIES WHICH ARE THE REGULATED BY THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (FTA); 4) LABOR GROUPS; AND 5) ACADEMICS WITH SAFETY RESEARCH BACKGROUNDS. THE COMMITTEE DOES NOT INCLUDE MEMBERS WHO ARE SPECIAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES
<b>(5) OTHER BALANCE FACTORS</b>
MEMBERS ARE APPOINTED TO A 2-YEAR TERM AND OTHER BALANCE FACTORS INCLUDE, TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, INDIVIDUALS THAT REPRESENT TRANSIT INDUSTRY GROUPS AND PUBLIC ASSOCIATIONS, MINORITIES, WOMEN, AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES.
<b>(6) CANDIDATE IDENTIFICATION PROCES:</b>
CANDIDATES ARE SOLICITED VIA A NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER. THE FTA THEN ENGAGES VARIOUS STAKEHOLDER ORGANIZATIONS SEEKING RECOMMENDED NOMINEES. FOLLOWING THE CLOSING PERIOD, APPLICANTS ARE REVIEWED BY THE STAFF OF THE OFFICE OF SAFETY AND SECURITY AND THE CHIEF COUNSEL'S OFFICE. THE CANDIDATE'S BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION IS ASSESSED WITH REGARD TO THE CRITERIA NOTED PARAGRAPHS 4 AND 5 ABOVE. THE STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS ARE FORWARDED TO THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR SELECTION. EACH APPLICANT'S INFORMATION IS RETAINED IN CASE AN UNEXPECTED VACANCY SHOULD ARISE.

**(7) SUBCOMMITTEE BALANCE: N/A**

**NO SUBCOMMITTEES ARE CURRENTLY PLANNED; HOWEVER, IF FORMED FTA WILL APPLY THE SAME CRITERIA USED TO SELECT COMMITTEE MEMBERS.**

**(8) OTHER:**

**N/A**

**(9) DATE PREPARED/UPDATED:**

**NOVEMBER 1, 2013**